BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY.

Copy of Proceedings of the Bangalore City Municipal Commission at a Meeting held on Thursday the 30th July 1885 at 7-30 A. M.

President.

Present.—L. Ricketts, Esq.

Vice-President.

Present.—A. Srinivasacharlu, Esq.

Ex-Officio Members.

Present.—The Senior-Surgeon to the Mysore Government.
The Principal Assistant, Central College.
Absent.—The Executive Engineer, Bangalore Divn.
The Amildar of Bangalore.

Municipal Commissioners.

1st Division, Balé Pettah.

Present.—B. Murry Gungiah, Esq.
A. S. Raghavachar, Esq.

2nd Division, Manavarte Pettah.

Present.—Khazi Abid Shariff Sahib, Esq.
Mandi Mariyanna, Esq.

3rd Division, Alsur Pettah.

Present.—S. V. Annaiyappa Chetti, Esq.
Absent.—P. Changalraya Mudaliar, Esq.

4th Division, Nagarta Pettah.

Present.—B. Narayana Chetti, Esq.
Absent.—Doddi Venkataramana Chetti, Esq.

5th Division, Kalasipalyam.

Present.—C. Muttusami Naidu, Esq.
Absent.—M. Ramaswami Chetti, Esq.

6th Division, High Ground.

Vacant.

I. The cash account current, progress report and mortuary return for the month of June 1885, are laid before the Board, read and duly passed.

Ordered.—That the following cash account current be submitted to the Comptroller of Mysore :—

Cash Account Current of the Municipal Commission for the City of Bangalore for the month of June 1885.

Receipts.	Amount.			Expenditure.	Amount.		
Cash Balance brought forward from last month's account	18,657	1	3	I. Collections. 1. For octroi tax ...	239	9	3
I. Octroi. 1. Articles of food or drink for men or animals ...	...	...	...	2. For taxes on houses, buildings & lands. 3. For tax on professions and trades. .. ... 7. Rents assigned to Municipality	295	4	4
(a) Dry and green cocoanuts.	235	14	3	II. Head Office Charges ...	26	4	8
6. Tobacco and betel-leaves.	1,710	12	5	III. Public Works. 1. Supervision ...	207	14	11
II. Tax on houses, buildings and lands.	829	10	6	2. (a) Original works ...	172	2	2
III. Tax on professions and trades—				(b) Dharmambudhi tank ...	254	7	4
„ Shops	595	9	4	(c) Compensation for houses, &c	1,635	1	3
„ Oil mills	103	2	0	3. Repairs (a) Suburban roads.	12	0	0
„ Looms	320	5	10	(b) Municipal roads.	529	0	4
„ Carts	18	0	0	IV. Charges of Control—Supervision and Management ...	1,372	6	10
„ License fees on liquor shops, &c.	328	0	0	V. Education. 1. Town Municipal School..	585	7	7
(a) Tobacco licenses. ...	7	4	0	„ Sanskrit School..	297	14	4
VII. Rents. 1. Nazul Lands ...	14	0	0	2. Schools Grants-in-aid ...	58	15	3
2. Nazul Shops (Markets) ...	336	15	4	VI. Charitable Grants. 1. Hospital grant ...	754	0	0
IX. Extraordinary. 1. Sale of houses and lands...	5	0	0	2. Dispensary and Medical charges ...	80	8	2
3. Refunds and recoveries. Sale of vaccinated calves ...	28	3	0	3. Vaccination ...	255	1	7
X. Fines	1	13	9	4. Maternity charges ...	28	12	0
XI. Pounds	50	10	5	5. Langarkhana ...	232	0	0
XII. Miscellaneous	144	6	0	6. Government Chuttrum...	167	15	3
XIII. Transfers and contributions ...	29	7	8	7. Orphanage ...	63	9	9
Other items.—Fees from City Municipal School	144	10	0	VII. Conservancy (a) Establishment and (b) Other charges ...	230	0	0
				VIII. Road watering and planting trees ...	1,138	6	7
				IX. Lighting charges	50	15	6
				X. Gardens—1. Public Gardens ...	293	0	8
				2. Refund of excess collection .	20	15	0
				3. Cattle Pound charges ...	12	7	0
				XII. Miscellaneous. 4. Statistics and mortuary registration ...	19	8	0
				5. Reward to dog and snake killers	32	8	0
				6. Other miscellaneous items.	23	14	6
				XIII. Reserve	275	5	2
Total Receipts.....	4,903	12	4		43	3	0
				Total Rupees.....	9,408	10	5
Grand Total Rs.....	23,560	13	7	To Cash Balance carried to next			

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Mortuary Register, Bangalore.

Statement of Births and Deaths within the City Municipal limits during the month of June 1885 :—

Causes of Death.	Europeans.		East Indians.		Musalmáns.		Hindus.		Native Christians.		Buddhists.		Other Classes.		Total.		Total in—		Difference.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	June 1885.	May 1885.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cholera ...	...	...	...	...	11	12	9	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	22	42	...	42	...
Small-pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	7	6	1	...
Fevers ...	...	...	...	...	1	4	12	15	2	...	...	...	...	...	15	19	34	28	6	...
Bowel-complaints ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	7	...	5
Injuries—																				
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wounding ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
Accident ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...
Snake-bite or killed by wild beasts. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Causes—																				
Consumption ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	9	10	...	1
Convulsion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	2	1	...
Dropsy ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	1	2	...
Lock-jaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	5	...	3
Rheumatism ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	5	...	2
Asthma ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	1
Old age ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8	13	...	5
Born dead ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	1	2	...
Croup ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	4	...	1
Diarrhœa ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	5	...	3
Ulcer ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	1	2	...
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...
Diabetes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
Chest pain ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Insanity ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Leprosy ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...
Total Other Causes.....	...	...	...	...	2	5	16	19	1	1	...	...	...	...	10	25	44	50	...	6
Total Deaths.....	...	...	...	...	14	23	41	49	3	1	...	...	...	...	58	73	131	92	39	...
Total Number of Births.....	...	...	...	...	13	15	66	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	75	154	119	35	...

Abstract of Mortuary Report and Percentage of Births and Deaths on the estimated Population, 62,311.

Classes.	Births.		Difference.		Percentage of Births.		Deaths.		Difference.		Percentage of Deaths.	
	June 1885.	May 1885.	Increase.	Decrease.	June 1885.	May 1885.	June 1885.	May 1885.	Increase.	Decrease.	June 1885.	May 1885.
Europeans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Indians ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Musalmáns ...	28	18	10	...	·23	·21	37	16	21	...	·41	·19
Hindus ...	120	101	25	...	·24	·19	90	74	16	...	·17	·14
Native Christians ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	...	·4	·2
Buddhists ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Classes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	154	119	35	...	·25	·19	131	92	39	...	21	·15

REMARKS.

There were 131 deaths during the month, 45 from cholera, 7 small-pox, 34 from fevers, 2 from bowel-complaints and 46 from other causes as detailed in the previous page.

The number of deaths in June 1885, as compared with that of May 1885, is as follows:—

Of Musalmáns 37 against 16, Hindus 90 against 74, Native Christians 4 against 2, being 39 more than the previous month, and 40 in excess of the total number of deaths registered in the corresponding month of last year.

Age.

Classes.	Number died during the month.	Born dead.	Under 1 year.	1 to 5 years.	6 to 12 do	12 to 20 inclusive.	21 to 30 do	31 to 40 do	41 to 50 do	51 to 60 do	Above 60 years of age.	Total.
Europeans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Indians ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Musalmáns ...	37	...	3	5	5	...	4	8	3	5	4	37
Hindus ...	90	3	8	13	2	6	12	17	9	5	9	90
Native Christians ...	4	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	4
Buddhists ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Classes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	131	3	12	19	13	6	18	25	12	10	13	131

II. Deferred proposition.—Report from the Municipal Commissioners Nos. 4 and 5 Divisions on the application of Ahamed Sha Sahib and 13 others to restore the well in Nabbi Sha Sahib's Makan.

Resolved.—That a grant of Rs. 200 be sanctioned towards the work from Municipal Funds subject to the following conditions :—

(1) The well to be opened for the use of the public.
(2) The Municipality to examine and pass the work after its completion.

III. Consideration of the objections raised by the Settis and Yajamans to pay the arrears of Municipal tax.

Read the following memorandum of the Vice-President, dated 29th instant, furnishing a short statement of facts, together with copies of the previous correspondence and orders of Government, on the subject of assessing the houses and shops of the Settis and Yajamans in the city :—

With reference to the petition of the Settis and Yajamans of the town, which is to be laid before the next meeting of the Board, objecting to pay to the Municipality the assessment charged on their houses and shops, I consider it necessary to give here a short statement of facts and to annex copies of the previous correspondence and orders of Government bearing on the subject for the information of the Municipal Commissioners.

The city comprises 54 Pettahs or wards for each of which there are Settis and Yajamans who are headmen of their respective castes and whose offices are of hereditary character. These men by virtue of their office preside at the caste or religious ceremonies and decide caste disputes that may arise among the members of their communities. The old regime of the country having had regard apparently for their offices appeared to have exempted them from payment of house and shop taxes payable to Government, which privilege they enjoyed till the year 1867.

The Municipal Commissioners of the Town at their meeting held on the 18th July 1867 had before them for the first time the question why Settis and Yajamans and several other classes such as Brahmans, Musalmans, Native Christians, &c., should not contribute towards the Municipal Fund in common with others and resolved that the Amildar of Bangalore should be directed to prepare a list of buildings that belonged to the hitherto privileged classes in view to charge assessment. At a subsequent meeting of the Municipal Board held in November 1867, a sub-committee consisting of certain Municipal Commissioners was appointed to revise the list prepared by the Amildar and it was accordingly done.

In the meanwhile the Settis and Yajamans pressed their claim for the continuance of the privilege which they enjoyed for a long time. Then the following orders were received from Government:—

From the Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore, To the Superintendent, Nundydroog Division, Letter No 1413—25, dated 10th June 1868.

I am directed by the Commissioner to observe that the sub-committee to whom the question was referred have no doubt carefully considered it, but it appears to Mr. Bowring that although Government as such may wisely have exempted certain classes from an obligation to pay house tax to the Sarkar as a source of revenue due to itself, yet it is obvious that such exemption does not extend to contributions on the part of the inhabitants to a local fund solely applied to the improvement of the Pettah and from which the Government derive no pecuniary advantage.

From the Superintendent, Nundydroog Division, To the Deputy Superintendent Bangalore District, Official Memorandum No. 1031—243, dated 12th June 1868.

In forwarding a copy of the foregoing to the Deputy Superintendent of the Bangalore District, states that with reference to the expression of opinion therein conveyed it seems advisable that he should assemble the Yajamans, Settis, &c., and in presence of the Board explain to them that the Commissioner is of opinion that they ought to pay as well as others, as the proceeds are required exclusively for improving the town and not for Government purposes.

From the Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore, To the Superintendent, Nundydroog Division, Letter No. 4086—90, dated 12th October 1868.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 2714—82 of the 5th instant and its enclosures, I am directed to observe that it is doubtful whether the list of persons exempted from municipal cess is complete as only Settis and Yajamans are mentioned in it, whereas there is reason to believe that many officials and others do not pay municipal taxation. No one is exempt from municipal taxation in the Cantonment from the Commissioner downwards, and Mr. Bowring does not see why any one should be exempt in the Pettah.

From the Superintendent, Nundydroog Division, To the Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore, Letter No. 3084—88, dated 28th October 1868.

In reply to your letter No. 4086—90 of the 12th October 1868, I have the honor to state for the Commissioner's information that under the existing rules no one will be exempt from the payment of the municipal house tax cess.

2. As already explained, only the Settis and Yajamans claim exemption from mohatarfa taxation to which they are now subjected under the operation of the Municipal Rules.

From the Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore, To the Superintendent, Nundydroog Division, Letter No. 4413—78, dated 31st October 1868.

I have the honor, by desire of the Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3084—88 of the 20th October 1868 and to request that care may be taken to impress upon such persons as were previously exempted from payment of mohatarfa, that municipal taxation in no way benefits the revenue of Government which has relinquished the above cess, and that all are alike liable to contribute towards Municipal Funds which are expended solely on the watch and ward of the town and its conservancy.

Since the receipt of the above orders the Settis and Yajamans have uninterruptedly paid to the Municipality the assessment charged on their houses and shops up to the year 1880—81.

In 1881—82 a general revision of mohatarfa and house assessment was effected under orders of the late Chief Commissioner, dated 27th September 1879. It may be noted here that even in these Proceedings it was distinctly ruled that "no exemption on account of caste or other grounds shall be allowed."

Under the said revision the house assessment was fixed with reference to the annual rental value of the premises as provided in the Municipal Regulations and the mohatarfa or shop tax according to the extent or value of the business carried on as per Revenue Rules. In so doing, there was an increase to the old rate in certain cases.

Some of the leading Settis and Yajamans have not only protested against the payment of the taxes at the enhanced rates but also objected to pay at the old rate which they have continued to pay since its imposition or for a period of upwards of 12 years past. Then the Municipality issued processes for the recovery of the arrears when these men have come forward with a petition requesting postponement of execution of distraint warrants pending disposal of their appeal to the Dewan and to prove the fact of the presentation of their appeal to Government they produced a copy of their appeal petition and the concluding part of which runs thus :—

"We humbly beg leave therefore to request that your honor (Dewan) will be pleased to issue orders at once to the Municipal President directing him not to levy the enhanced amount of tax from us."

This matter was again brought before the Municipal Commissioners at their meeting held on the 31st January 1885 and the following resolution was then recorded :—

Resolution.—The Commissioners are of opinion that no exemption can be allowed as prayed for by the petitioners and they are required to pay up the arrears at the old rate. In the matter of the revised rates the Government be addressed for orders and till such time as the necessary orders are received, the collection of the difference be deferred.

The purport of this resolution was duly communicated to the petitioners by means of endorsements and required to pay up the arrears at the old rate. Even to this they have not responded.

Resolution.—The Board consider that the objections raised by the petitioners to pay municipal assessment are untenable and that they be required to pay up the arrears without further delay and that their prayer for exemption from municipal taxation cannot be granted.

IV. Proposed enforcement of the provisions of Bye-law No. 22 and Municipal Regulations regarding cess-pits in the dwelling houses and the entertainment of additional temporary establishment for the purpose.

Read also the following notice prepared by the Vice-President in connection therewith for publication in the Town :—

The existence of deep cess-pits in many dwelling houses in the Town and large accumulations therein of excretal matter are highly objectionable not only in a sanitary but also domestic point of view. They pollute the water in the wells, render the air the people breathe dangerously impure, and are a fertile source of disease and death. The repeated attempts of the Municipality to enforce a daily conservancy system have often met with opposition from the residents of the Town, because it was an innovation and contrary to "mámúl," but it is not denied as a fact that the presence of large accumulations of filth and fecal matter produce very offensive odours especially in the rainy season. This I have often noticed during my inspection of houses, and pointed out the evil to the occupants then and there.

2. To remedy this state of things and to meet the requirements of decency and health, there is no other course open than to enforce the provisions of Section 108 of the Municipal Regulations which prescribe a certain penalty for every owner or occupier of a house allowing for more than 24 hours any dirt, dung, nightsoil or any offensive matter to remain on his premises. The Bye-law No. 22 will be enforced as regards such previes as from their situation afford no facilities for their daily clearance by Municipal or private scavengers.

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3. For the purpose of carrying out the said provisions of the law, two Special Overseers have been appointed whose sole duty will be to inspect every cess-pit in the Town, and advise the house owners or occupiers to duly conserve them and in case of neglect to take action authorized by law.

4. The head of each family is therefore earnestly requested to co-operate with the Overseers in carrying out the said necessary improvements and to offer no opposition to their entering the houses or back-yards for the purposes of the said inspection. It may here be noted for the information of the public that Municipal Commissioners and their officers have authority under the Municipal Regulations to enter into and inspect any building or land within their limits and cleanse them for sanitary reasons.

Resolution.—The Commissioners approve of the proposed arrangement regarding the conservancy of cess-pits in the City and sanction the entertainment of the following establishment as a tentative measure for a period of six months :—

	Rs.
2 Nuisance Overseers at Rs. 10 per mensem	120
2 Carts at Rs. 10 per mensem	120
2 Peons at Rs. 5 per mensem	60
Total....	300

This charge to be met from Reserve Fund provided for in the budget.

A. SRINIVASACHARLU,
Vice-President.

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE.

Mis. (Insolvency) Case No. 35 of 1885.

In the matter of 1. Tirakappa. 2. Dodda Mallappa. 3. Chikka Mallappa, insolvent judgment-debtors.

ORDER.—The application of the above named 1. Tirakappa. 2. Dodda Mallappa. 3. Chikka Mallappa to be discharged from custody, coming on to be heard before .. .. in the presence of Mr. Lawrance on the part of the applicants, and in the presence of Mr. Kandasami Mudaliar on the part of 12th respondent being creditor of the said applicants, and the following creditors although duly served with notice of the hearing have failed to appear either in person or by Pleader, *viz.*, 1. Basalingappa, 2. Somappa, 3. Pariyappa, 4. B. Lingaiya, 5. Bairappa, 6. Munibairappa, 7. Chitambaraiya, 8. Narasimhaiya, 9. Narasimhaiya, 10. Nijagunappa, 11. Nijagunappa, 14. Narasimhappa, 15. Bank Narayana Chetti, 16. Bank Narayana Chetti, 17. Chokkalinga Mudaliar, 18. Mariyappa, 19. Abbu Butler, 20. Muhammad Husen. 21. B. Kasim Sahib. 22. Pajal Muhammad *bin* Isak Sét. 23. General Bank Singaravelu Mudaliar. 24. Muniyappa. 25. V. Bavuddin Sahib. 26. Arnee Ismal Sahib Shék, A. S. 27. Andappa Chetti. 28. Raja Tippaiya. 29. Muhammad Husen Abdul Rahman. 30. Namasivayan Pille. 31. Perma Mudaliar. 32. Kumarasami Chetti. 33. Hazari Mall Sét. 34. Hazari Mall Sét. 35. Nagappa. 36. Narasimhanna. 37. Narasimhanna. 38. B. Revanna. 39. Haji Khader Sahib. 40. D. Guranna. 41. Bangalore Bank M. Walker. 42. Bangalore Bank M. Walker. 43. Bangalore Bank M. Walker :

It is hereby declared that the said 1. Tirakappa, 2. Dodda Mallappa. 3. Chikka Mallappa are insolvents and, as such, entitled to the benefit of the provisions of Chapter XX of the Code of Civil Procedure, and it is ordered that the said insolvents be and they are hereby, discharged from custody and from all liability to be arrested or imprisoned in respect of any of the debts mentioned in the schedule hereto annexed.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 17th day of June 1885.